

JUDGMENT DAY PROGRAM

Goal:

The goal of Judgment Day is to discourage teens from Drinking and Driving by using a Mock Trial to show the legal consequences of DUI.

Program Summary:

Stage set up: We hold Judgment Day Programs in the school gym or auditorium. Chairs and tables are set up to resemble a courtroom.

Program begins: Students are brought into the room, then the lights are turned down and the song "Bad to the Bone" begins to play. The roar of a motorcycle is heard outside the door; the door opens and the Terminator rides into the room. Terminator rides around the room several times then walks into the crowd and chooses defendants to stand trial for DUI. Defendants are seated behind the Defense Attorney.

The Terminator walks to the mike and says, "CHOOSE TO DRINK AND DRIVE, I WILL BE BACK!" Then leaves. (Be sure he parks the cycle next to door for quick exit.)

Guest Speaker (s): Speaker should talk about the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body and how they impair driving abilities then set the scene for the Mock Trial.

Trial Begins: Keep this part of the program as close to a courtroom as possible. Bailiff enters and asks all to rise for the Judge. Bailiff calls the case and the trial begins. Work with your student committee to select cases to use and how scenes should be played.

Try to include the following: First time DUI for underage driver, crash resulting in death of passengers or occupants of the other car, jury trial (use students for jury) and crash involving insurance award above policy coverage.

Real Judges, attorney and court officials are used in presentation when possible or student, teachers and parents can play the roles. Be sure if roles are played by students they keep the scenes as real as possible.

Closing Program: Close program with attorneys and judge giving five minute summary of cost for fees, procedure used with DUI's at time of arrest and other information with will give student reasons NOT TO DRINK AND DRIVE.

JUDGMENT DAY PROGRAM MEETING

Items school will take care of or provide:

- Public address system. (Need four mikes) Drive Smart will bring backup.
- Guest Speaker (s), including the Terminator
- Contact local judge, attorneys and law enforcement
- Prizes to be given away if trivia or some other game is played
- Items to set the stage for courtroom- Three tables; chairs for judge, attorneys, defendants, victims, and jury.

Items Drive Smart will provide:

- Tape of music
- T-shirts
- Judgment Day posters
- Sample trial cases
- Press release for local media with information you provide
- Any assistance in finding guest speakers

Things you need to remember:

Assembly should last about one hour.

3-5 students will be on trial.

3-5 students will play the role of victims.

12 students will play the role of jury.

JUDGMENT DAY- TRIAL CASES

Case #1

The defendant, a 16 year old, is charged with Driving while Intoxicated; Blood Alcohol level was .20 breath and blood tests were given. Arresting officer issued citation for driving under influence and speeding 55 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. This is the driver's first offense.

Case #2

The defendant was driving intoxicated with Blood Alcohol level of .10 after leaving best friend at his/her house; drove one-half (1/2) mile to his/her home. While on the way to his/her home defendant became ill and lost control of car. Officer observed car swaying from one side of street to other. Mr. And Mrs. Black were walking their dog. Defendant's car jumped the curb and hit the Blacks injuring both Mr. Black and the hospital for three (3) days.

Case #3

The Defendant _____ is charged with DUI and Manslaughter in the Second Degree in violation of KRS 507.040. The defendant had just left a party where alcohol was being served. All passengers and the driver were intoxicated when they left the party. The blood test given at the hospital showed an intoxilyzer reading of .10 for the driver and .02 for the 3 passengers. Two of the passengers were killed on impact when the driver lost control of the car and it hit a guardrail spinning into a tree on the opposite side of the road. The other passenger suffered several injuries and stayed in the hospital for three (3) days.

Case #4

_____ was driving with a Blood Alcohol level of .15. He/she has been driving for six months and was on his/her way to a prom party at a friends home when he/she ran a stop sign while traveling 40 mph. _____ swerved to miss a car and hit a Brown car head-on injuring both occupants of Brown vehicle. This is third offense and the second time he/she has crashed with another vehicle.

Case #5

_____ stopped to have a drink after work on Friday evening. After consuming several drinks he/she left the bar and headed home. While traveling down US 23, _____ crashed his/her vehicle into Green car stopped at red light at intersection of _____ and US 23. Green vehicle was pushed into the intersection where it was struck by a transport truck driven by Joe White. All four occupants of the Green car were killed; two on impact and the two others die one week later in the hospital. _____ BAC was .10 at the scene when officer gave him/her breath alcohol test.

Case #6

Defendant operated an automobile and gets caught. It is defendant's fourth DUI offense. BA was .12. Nobody was injured.

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

The Drive Smart Kentucky program and _____ High School's (club sponsoring the event) are sponsoring an alcohol awareness program called "Drinking and DrivingJudgment Day " This program will be presented to the students in the school's gym at 2 p.m. and will conclude at the end of the school day. This program is designed to encourage students to use good judgment when faced with peer pressure to drink, and make them aware of the penalties involved for driving intoxicated.

By creating a mock trial, the program shows what really happens to an underage DUI offender in the courtroom using local attorneys, judges and other court officials. Attorneys _____ and _____, Judge _____ and a local Deputy Sheriff will be participating in the program. Additional speakers will be _____ and members of the _____.

Contact (list person to be contacted for additional information be sure to include phone number.)